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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6577
INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 07943

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, EG, IS, US
SUBJ: AMOCO INCIDENT

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 3276, (B) STATE 62503, (C) CAIRO 7872
- (D) STATE 61934

1. AMOCO INFORMS US THAT AS OF NOON TODAY RIG 511 IS STILL AT SITE 373-2, TWO OF SIX ANCHORS WERE SET THIS MORNING AND REMAINING FOUR WILL BE SET THIS AFTERNOON. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER ISRAELI INTERFERENCE WITH THESE OPERATIONS. AMOCO EXPECTS FURTHER REPORT FROM RIG 511 LATER TODAY AND EMBASSY WILL CABLE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

2. IN REF C EMBASSY WAS TRYING DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN (1) PLOTTING OF POSITIONS OF AMOCO EQUIPMENT AND PLANS FOR DRILLING AND (2) ISRAELI DEMARCATION OF MEDIAN LINE. OUR THOUGHT WAS THAT EMBASSY TEL AVIV WORKING WITH GOI ON BASIS PREVIOUS CABLES (INCLUDING LETTER AND ATTACHMENT FROM AMOCO EGYPT TO CAPTAIN OF ISRAELI GUNBOAT QUOTED IN REF D) COULD AGREE ON WHERE RIG 511, CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKBOATS, ANCHORS AND BUOYS ARE AND PLAN TO BE, AND THEN GOI COULD REACH ITS OWN CONCLUSIONS ON RELATIONSHIP THESE POSITIONS TO MEDIAN LINE. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD RESULT IN ISRAEL HAVING TO CONCLUDE THAT AMOCO IS OPERATING WEST OF LINE, WITHOUT USG ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEDIAN LINE CONCEPT. IN ANY CASE, DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION IN REF B APPEARS TO CONCLUDE

SUCH DISTINCTION CANNOT BE SAFELY MADE WITHOUT
PREJUDICING USG POSITION, AND EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY DROPS
SUGGESTION. EILTS

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Message Attributes

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